Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Frank Leichtnam was born on May 3, 1918, in Lyman County, South Dakota, to John and Rose Leichtnam, one of their eight children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Frank married Bernice Sattree on May 8, 1954, parenting 7 children, and Frank and Bernice continue to live on the farm where Frank was born and raised, proud to be a farmer, planting and harvesting his crops each year; and,

Whereas, Frank served 4 years in the military, 2 years on foreign soil, including the Battle of the Bulge; and,

Whereas, Frank has been a member of Christ the King Catholic Church all of his life; and

Whereas, Frank will observe his 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State